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SUBJECT: MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES SIGN A TROPICAL PRODUCT AGREEMENT

1. ON DECEMBER 2 MEXICAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE SOLANA AND US SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE STRAUSS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR MFN TRADE CONCESSIONS BY EACH PARTY. IN THE AGREEMENT THE UNITED STATES UNDERTAKES TO MAKE TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON PRODUCTS WORTH 63 MILLION DOLLARS IN MEXICAN EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES (BASED ON 1974 TRADE DATA). MEXICO AGREES TO MAKE TARIFF AND LICENSING CONCESSIONS ON 36 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US EXPORTS (1974 TRADE). THE AGREEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO GIVE SPECIAL AND PRIORITY TREATMENT TO PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED US-MEXICO CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM FACILITATED THE NEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

2. IN APRIL 1976 THE UNITED STATES MADE AN OFFER OF CONCESSIONS WORTH ABOUT 1 BILLION DOLLARS IN 1974 IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MTN TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS. IN RETURN THE

UNITED STATES ASKED THE POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES FOR LESS THAN EQUAL CONTRIBUTIONS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MEXICO, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE REFUSED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES UNTIL THE END OF THE MTN, AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CALCULATE THE BENEFITS THEY HAVE OBTAINED IN THE MTN. IN THE ABSENCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES, UNTIL THE AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO, DID NOT IMPLEMENT ANY PART OF ITS TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER.

3. THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO MARKS THE FIRST TIME A DEVELOPING COUNTRY HAS BROKEN RANKS TO NEGOTIATE CONCESSIONS TO A DEVELOPED COUNTRY. THE UNITED STATES HAS INSISTED THAT IF IT IS TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE MTN, IT MUST OBTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THEM, AND THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE A PROCESS OF STRIKING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY BARGAIN.

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4. FYI - THOUGH THE US-MEXICO AGREEMENT IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO HAVE AGREED NOT TO ADVERTISE MEXICO'S DEFECTION FROM THE G-77 POSITION. NONETHELESS, THE UNITED STATES HOPES THE US-MEXICO AGREEMENT WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE GIVE AND TAKE OF THE ACCELERATING NEGOTIATIONS AND TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS. END FYI

5. THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT THE ACTION ADDRESSEES, AS OPPORTUNITIES OCCUR, REMIND THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WILL PRESENT OFFERS ON JANUARY 15 AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS WILL PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL FOLLOW. IN VIEW OF PARA 4, ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE NOT REQUESTED TO INFORM THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS OF THE US-MEXICO AGREEMENT, BUT IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT POSTS MAY DRAW ON PARAGRAPHS ONE THROUGH THREE ABOVE. IF HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ASK WHETHER ANY DEVELOPING COUNTRY MTN PARTICIPANT HAS AGREED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES, POSTS MAY INFORM THEM OF THE US-MEXICO AGREEMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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